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I have not forgotten your interest in CIA and if a suitable vacancy occurs we will let you know at once.

I obtained from the Congress temporary exemption to the present legal prohibition on Retired Officers to permit CIA to employ about ten pending action on the general proposal. All of these vacancies were filled by individuals whose applications had been on file, with the exception of whom I needed for a specific assignment.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith
Director

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23 November 1951

Dear Bedell:

STAT While at Governors Island yesterday, I was told that [redacted] will be appointed to an important position in the CIA soon after his retirement on the last of this month. This would appear to indicate that the legal prohibition in regard to the employment of retired Regular officers by the CIA, which you cited in your letter to me on 27 October 1950, no longer exists.

In view of this, I should greatly appreciate your renewed consideration of my previously expressed desire to serve with you. I can be available for interview at your convenience.

With kindest regards and best wishes,



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